

Focus on Fifth

Weekly News for Holmes Fifth-Grade Families

News and Events in the 5th Grade

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Important Dates:

May 30 - Memorial Day - no school

May 31 - Million Dollar Project due

June 2 - iPad collection

June 3 - Book Swap

June 6 - Aquatic field trip

June 7 - Fifth Grade Completion Ceremony

June 8 - Olympic Day/Last day of school

News:

iPad Collection

Please make sure your child has the following with him/her at school by **Thursday June 2nd**. If items are missing or damaged, families will be charged a replacement fee. You will be able to pay these fees via the district's web store, with cash or by check. Please email technology@op97.org if you have questions or need additional information about this.

- iPad in working condition (\$297)
- Working charging brick (\$10)
- Working power cord (\$10)
- Otterbox case (\$34)
- Otterbox cover/stand (\$10)

Book Swap

Holmes Elementary students are invited to participate in a book swap, to be held in anticipation of a summer of reading. The book swap will be held on the black top in the afternoon of **Friday, June 3rd**. Bring in your gently used books and trade them in for Book Bucks used to purchase "new to you" books to read!

Here is how our book swap will work:

1. At home, decide which of your gently used books would be good to pass on to another student (if a book does not meet the donation guidelines, it will not be accepted).
2. Bring donated books and signed permission slip to school by **Tuesday, May 31 st** . To avoid books being donated without permission, parents must sign a permission slip before books can be donated to the swap. Students should bring this slip with them when they donate the books. No child may swap books without a signed permission slip.
3. Students will receive Book Bucks for each book donated (15 book max). The Book Bucks can then be used to purchase books at the book swap.
4. All swaps are final and all Book Bucks not spent by the end of the swap time are invalid (they cannot be used after the Book Swap or saved for another year).

Aquatic Field Trip

Our field trip to Rehm Pool is scheduled for Monday, June 6th. We will travel by bus to and from the pool. We will depart from Holmes at 12:15 and plan to return around 2:30. Upon arrival, pool staff will conduct a health and safety talk as well as swim test with students to gauge their swimming ability.

Curriculum Connection

During the field trip, students will engage in different math and science related activities, including collecting and analyzing data related to exercise and heart rate, and determining the volume of the pool.

Items to Bring

Students are responsible for their own belongings, so they should not bring cell phones, toys or any electronic devices with them. The concession stand will not be open, so students should not bring extra money for food.

Students should bring:

- Bathing suit
- Backpack
- Sunscreen
- Beach towel
- Change of clothing (optional)
- Goggles (optional)

Behavior and Academic Expectations

This is a guilder field trip and students must have 400 guilders in order to attend. However, we have emphasized with all students that our expectations regarding behavior and work completion (homework/classwork) have not changed. Significant behavior incidents or a decline in academics may result in loss of privileges (including attendance at the pool trip) regardless of guilder eligibility.

Chaperones

We will also need parents to assist with supervision at the pool. We especially need male chaperones to help monitor the boys' locker room. Please fill out the chaperone information section of the permission slip if you are interested in helping us.

Cost

There is no cost for this field trip, due to the generosity of the Holmes PTO. Please have your child return their permission slip by Wednesday, June 1st.

Olympic Day

Olympic Day will take place on the last day of the school year, **June 8th**. Students will need to bring a completely

disposable lunch for Olympic Day. If your child would like to order a sack lunch from Holmes, please talk to your child's homeroom teacher by June 1st.

Olympic Day Volunteers Needed!

Please sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ca4a62ea0fc1-olympic>

Typing Practice

Students can log on to Typing Training from home to practice keyboarding skills. The Typing Training program is accessible from the District's website, and students should begin practicing keyboarding skills at home. The link is: <http://www.op97.org/technology/Custom-Typing.cfm>

Click here for our 3rd trimester newsletter- [SPECIALS DELIVERY](#)

Art

Weaving, weaving, weaving. Let's rock these out and make a lot of progress this week! Bring any interesting yarns, ribbons, beads, etc. in from home to jazz up your weaving. Check this fiber artist's blog out for inspiration: [Natalie Miller](#)

~Ms. Jones (kjones@op97.org)

Music

We will be working on our completion ceremony song featuring ukuleles and bucket drums this week. The only assignment students can do at home if they want to is the extra credit recorder assignment (on Google Classroom). The lyrics for the singers will be shared on Google Classroom.

Chorus

The Chorus will be doing a short informal performance on the blacktop during lunch recess on Thursday May 26th at 11:45. If you are interested in coming please sign in to the office first before coming to watch us outside! [Festival Recordings Link](#)

Spanish

We will continue to wrap up the year with fun review activities such as kahoot!, Jeopardy, puzzles, and a special viewing a short film called "Pobre Ana." It has been a fantastic year!

Library

All library books are due June 3rd! If you've received a lilac colored note from our library, it means your student has an overdue library book. Please return these materials as soon as possible.

We are wrapping up the research project we started several weeks ago. Students have finished taking notes, written a narrative from the point of view of a student in the country they chose, and are creating iMovies. We will be using the CultureGrams database through the OPPL [Homework Help](#) page. While the majority of the project will be done in the library, students may wish to access the databases at home or interview a parent, family member, or friend about the country they are researching. To access the database, students will need an OPPL card and PIN. Don't forget to email me with any questions! mmaneck@op97.org

Physical Education

April 15th is our Annual Student vs. Staff Basketball Game. April also brings about our Dance Unit. The kids will be moving to different tunes while they boogie down to our p.e. School district Xbox 360 system. The dance unit will go on for the entire month of April.

Reading/Literature

This week, we will be continuing with our third trimester ELA Unit, titled "Change and Identity." Throughout this unit, students have been focusing on the following question, especially in relation to their transition to middle

school: *What factors shape who you are as an individual and your role within society?* We will wrap up the school year with a novel study around the book *Schooled* by Gordon Korman. Korman's novel is about Capricorn Cap Anderson who has been homeschooled by his hippie grandmother Rain. But, when Rain is injured in a fall, Cap is forced to attend the local middle school, where he tries to navigate through this drastic change and remain true to himself. Throughout this novel study, students will be thinking about how a narrator's or speaker's point of view influences how events are described. (RL.5.6)

Please make sure there is a parent or guardian checking, and initialing, students' reading logs each night!

Writing

Fifth graders are wrapping up their argumentative essays this week, based on the following topics: chocolate milk, bottled water, pets in classrooms, and sports.

Math

This week, students will be presenting their Million Dollar projects. Students need to make sure they submit a completed spreadsheet and share their presentation with their math teacher.

Science

Students will be finishing up their biodome packets and this will be their last week of science.

Social Studies

Students will not have Social Studies this week.

Word Study

We have finished with our word study for the school year. Students will continue to build on their word study skills in class during our Daily 5 routine.

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